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January 16, 2007

Dale Hoffman-Floerke
Salton Sea PEIR Comments
Department of Water Resources,
Colorado River & Salton Sea Office
1416 9th Street, Room 1148-6,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Hoffman-Floerke,

The City of Calipatria appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the State of California Department of Water Resources in response to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) completed for the Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program.

The City Council of the City of Calipatria respectfully submits Resolution # 07-02 passed, approved and adopted by the City Council during the regular Council Meeting on January 9, 2007 (attached). Comments expressed at the Council Meeting by the Majority of the Council adhere to the project description and objectives. The Concentric Lakes Alternative # 4, addresses the project description and objectives, in a more effective and cost efficient manner as described in the PEIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments, ;if you have any questions, please contact Jesse Soriano, City Planner, or myself at Calipatria City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Romualdo J. Medina

City Manager

Cc: Calipatria City Council

Jesse Soriano, City Planner
Catherine Hoff, City Clerk

William Smerdon, City Attorney

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RESOLUTION 07-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria finds that the <u>Concentric Lakes (Alt 4)</u> best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region, and

WHEREAS, the Concentric Lakes (Alt 4) also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Concentric Lakes (Alt 4) best meets the needs of the City of Calipatria, its constituents, and those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the State of California, Department of Water Resources will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the City of Calipatria as follows:

- 1. City of Calipatria hereby supports the <u>Concentric Lakes (Alt 4)</u> for Multi-Purpose Project as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
- 2. City of Calipatria encourages the State of California and the Department of Interior to select the <u>Concentric Lakes (Alt 4)</u> as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and
- 3. City of Calipatria encourages cities and counties and other entities to join with it in support of the <u>Concentric Lakes (Alt 4)</u>.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Calipatria held on the 9th day of January 2007 by the following vote:

AYES: Nelson, Beltran, Vasquez, Navarro

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Malley

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

I, Catherine Hoff, City Clerk of the City of Calipatria, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 07-92 adopted by said City Council on this 9th day of January 2007

Rau Navarro, Mayor

James me Holl, City Clerk